The Council assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Monday, the 29th January 1923, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

I

OATH OF OFFICE OF NEW MEMBERS.

The following Members were sworn in :—

(1) Mr. CHARLES EDGAR WOOD.

(2) Mr. ARCHIBALD YOUNG GIPPS CAMPBELL, C.I.E., I.C.S.

(3) Mr. ERNEST SAMPSON LLOYD, I.C.S.

II

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Kallar representation in local bodies and municipalities.

668 Q.—Rao Bahadur V. APPASWAMI VANDAYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what action has been taken on the following resolution passed by the Kallar Mahasangam, Tanjore, at a mass meeting held at Orathanad on the 19th March 1922 :—

"The members of the Kallar community in meeting assembled request that the Government will be pleased to nominate members of this community to the Legislative Council, local boards and municipalities and to give preferential treatment to them in all departments of public service with a view to give them proportional representation"; and

(*b*) whether the Government intend to nominate members of the Kallar community in local boards and municipalities in Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Madura and Ramnad districts?

A.—(*a*) The resolution referred to has not been received by Government.

(*b*) The Government have already nominated two members of the Kallar community to the Tanjore municipal council, one member to the Bodinayakkanur municipal council and one member to the Madura district board. Members of this community are also represented on some of the municipal councils and local boards in the Madura, Tanjore and Trichinopoly districts. The question of nominating members of the community to district boards and municipal councils in the districts mentioned by the hon. Member will be considered when vacancies arise. The right to nominate members of taluk and union boards vests with the presidents of district boards and the presidents of taluk boards respectively and not with the Government.